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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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4. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))  
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)  
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ The international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1-32 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

☒ the claims:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 2-10, 12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 31-36 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 11, 14, 19, 27-30 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_ 31 January 2005 (31.01.2005)

pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_

☒ the drawings:

pages \_\_\_\_\_ 1/27-27/27 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed/furnished

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-36	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-36	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-36	YES
	Claims		NO

**2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**

- Document 1: JP, 2002-509462, A (The Procter & Gamble Co.), 26 March, 2002, page 8, lines 6-27, page 10, line 6 to page 11, line 25 & SE, 9701590, A & WO, 98/03546, A1 & ZA, 9803546, A & EP, 1014906, A & BR, 9809108, A
- Document 2: JP, 2001-224617, A (Crecia Corp.), 21 August, 2001, paragraph 0012; Fig. 5 (Family: none)
- Document 3: JP, 11-267145, A (Uni-Charm Corp.), 05 October, 1999, paragraph 0038; Fig 4 & EP, 945110, A2 & CN, 1229631, A & JP, 11-332899, A & BR, 9902227, A & AU, 73299, B & SG, 85108, A
- Document 4: JP, 9-506280, A (Kimberly-Clark Corp.), 24 June, 1997, Page 9, line 3 to page 11, line 9; Fig. 7 & WO, 94/16095, A1 & CA, 2152498, A & US, 5344754, A1 & CA, 2115285, A & GB, 2284553, A & WO, 95/15737, A1 & FR, 2713477, A & ZA, 9409026, EP, 679193 & US, 5554531, A1 & US, 5558659, A1 & US, 5558734, A1 & EP, 732906, A & CN, 1142755, A & EP, 1068847, A1 & DE, 69427900, T & DK, 679193, T & ES, 2161757, T

**Claims 1-36**

The inventions of claims 1-36 appear to involve an inventive step based on the documents cited in the ISR. Documents 1-4 do not describe the "point that an auxiliary sheet is disposed such that it covers a top sheet," "the point that an extension portion of an auxiliary sheet is formed so as to be upright at the wearer side," "the point of a urine pocket being formed in a bag shape," "the point that the structure is such that a top sheet is folded toward the side, and the end of such folded part has an opening," and "the point that the pocket is formed by folding the other end of the absorbent pad in the lengthwise direction"; nor are these points obvious to a person skilled in the art.